

HISTORY

The Irving Park neighborhood started as a farming

community and then transformed itself into a suburb before becoming annexed to the city of Chicago in 1889. The residents went on to establish their own park district and were even responsible for the creation of Independence Park.

Historic Chicago architecture lives in Irving Park, from Victorian mansions to turn-of-the-century bungalows — some buildings even predate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The Villa Historic District is an official Chicago landmark district that spans the 3600 through 3800 blocks of North Avers, Hamlin, Harding, and Springfield Ave.



Irish American Heritage Museum

CULTURE

Not that Irving Park lives in the past. You only have to stop at a couple of the area's popular breweries to appreciate that. Plus, Irving Park is home to many neighborhood theaters and lounges. After a show, head to one of Irving Park's many eclectic late-night spots, like **Sidekick's Entertainment Lounge & Restaurant** to end the night with darts and karaoke.



Lizard's Liquid Lounge

FUN FACT

Irving Park's very own **Lizard's Liquid Lounge**, Chicago's top dog friendly bar, has live music, trivia nights, a dart league, and great artwork by local artists.

The neighborhood's walkability and plentiful green space are other added perks. Stroll down Irving Park Road and you'll find an array of shops, pubs, and eateries. Irving Park also neighbors Albany Park — home to another diverse cultural and restaurant scene.

WHAT TO DO?

- Stop into **ERIS**, the first women-owned brewery and cider house in Chicago, and enjoy a pint in the industrial-chic space.
- Enjoy a piece of nature at **Independence Park**. The park has a number of features including a playground, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a water spray area for kids to play in, and lots of great trees.
- Treat yourself to some of the city's best Thai food at **Arun's Thai Restaurant**, travel to Tokyo at the modern **Raisu Japanese Fine Dining**, or try traditional Serbian and Balkan cuisines made from scratch at **Cafe Beograd**.



ERIS

GETTING THERE

BY TRAIN

Several CTA blue line stops are in Irving Park: Addison, 78 Montrose, 80 Irving Park, 93 California/Dodge, 82 Kimball, and 53 Pulaski.

Please confirm routes and schedules at www.transitchicago.com

BY BUS

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BY CAR

Irving Park is conveniently located off of the Kennedy Expressway. Travel north from the Loop via I-90/I-94, exit 44b to Pulaski Rd and then turn right at Irving Park Rd.

BY BIKE

The Lakefront Trail stretches to the Far North Side providing car-free biking across the length of the city. Using the trail, bike up north and take a left onto Irving Park Rd (U.S. Bicycle Route 37). Another way to bike here is on the 312 RiverRun Trail!

VISIT IRVING PARK



La Villa



Pizza y Pan Pa' Ya



Lincoln Antique Mall

IRVING PARK

The Irving Park neighborhood is a diverse community that continues to be one of the most diverse spots in the city with preserved architecture, endless dining options, cozy taverns, and plenty of green space. In Irving Park, the restaurant and brewery scene is tough to beat. The restaurants feature a number of cuisines from across the globe. The neighborhood hosts a number of welcoming neighborhood pubs and laid-back breweries.

INSIDER TIP

The first thing to do when you arrive in Irving Park is stroll **The Villa District**, a tiny residential pocket that's listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "The Villa", recognized as an official Chicago landmark district, is a collection of 126 bungalows on seven distinctive blocks that draw upon the Arts & Crafts and the Prairie School architectural styles for inspiration.

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ART, CULTURE, + ENTERTAINMENT

Avondale Music Hall	3336 N Milwaukee Ave	A1
Happen Space Gallery	3115 W Montrose Ave	A2
Irish American Heritage Center	4626 N Knox Ave	A3
Joel Hall Dancers & Center	2951 W Montrose Ave	A4
Montrose Saloon	2933 W Montrose Ave	A5
Muslim Community Center	4380 N Elston Ave	A6

EAT + DRINK

Amatitlan	4053 N Kedzie Ave	E1
Angie's Tavern	3700 N Kedzie Ave	E2
Arun's Thai Restaurant	4156 N Kedzie Ave	E3
Backlot Coffee	3982 N Avondale Ave	E4
Bellonas Pizza	3447 W Montrose Ave	E5
Bia's Café Marianao	4323 W Addison St	E6
Big League Burgers	3734 W Irving Park Rd	E7
Brasa Roja Pulaski	3556 N Pulaski Rd	E8
Cafe Beograd	2933-39 W Irving Park Rd	E9
Cafe Urbano	4176 N Elston Ave	E10
Christina's Place	3759 N Kedzie Ave	E11
Cuenca's Bakery	4229 W Montrose Ave	E12
D'Candela Restaurant	3449 W Irving Park Rd	E13
Easy Street Pizza	2922 W Irving Park Rd	E14
El Trigar Mexicana Bakery	3059 W Montrose Ave	E15
ERIS Brewery and Cider House	4240 W Irving Park Rd	E16
Fuller's Pub	3203 W Irving Park Rd	E17
Hearth & Crust	3608 W Irving Park Rd	E18
Hot Woks Cool Sushi	3930 N Pulaski Rd	E19
JT's Genuine Sandwich Shop	3970 N Elston Ave	E20
Kunafa Nabulsia	4304 N Pulaski Rd	E21
La Michoacana	3591 N Milwaukee Ave	E22
La Villa Restaurant Lounge and Banquets	3638 N Pulaski Rd	E23
Leader Bar	3000 W Irving Park Rd	E24
Live Wire Lounge	3394 N Milwaukee Ave	E25
Lizard's Liquor Lounge	3058 W Irving Park Rd	E26
Miko's Italian Ice	4125 N Kimball Ave	E27
Mima's Taste Of Cuba	2925 W Irving Park Rd	E28
Mirabella Italian Cuisine & Bar	3454 W Addison St	E29
Mis Moles	3661 N Elston Ave	E30
Old Irving Brewing Co	4419 W Montrose Ave	E31
Paddy Mac's	4157 N Pulaski Rd	E32
Pizza y Pan Pa' Ya	3125 W Montrose Ave	E33
Raisu Japanese Fine Dining	2958 W Irving Park Rd	E34
Rinconcito Ecuatoriano	3041 W Irving Park Rd	E35
Sanabel Bakery & Grocery	4213 N Kedzie Ave	E36
Serbian Village Restaurant	3144 W Irving Park Rd	E37
Shokran	4027 W Irving Park Rd	E38

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EAT + DRINK

Sidekick's Entertainment Lounge & Restaurant	4424 W Montrose Ave	E39
Smoque BBQ	3800 N Pulaski Rd	E40
Taqueria El Primo	4317 N Elston Ave	E41
Templestowe	3135 W Montrose Ave	E42
Thai Thai	3922 N Elston Ave	E43
The Blue Hookah House	3524 W Irving Park Rd	E44
The Cabin at Old Irving	4104 N Pulaski Rd	E45
The Churro Waffle	2845 W Irving Park Rd	E46
The Kedzie Inn	4100 N Kedzie Ave	E47
The Unforgettable Bar	4206 W Irving Park Rd	E48
TTS Tacos & Tortas Cocina Mexicana	4507 W Lawrence Ave	E49
Zebda	4344 N Elston Ave	E50

PARKS + RECREATION

Athletic Field Park	3546 W Addison St	P1
Horner Park	2741 W Montrose Ave	P2
Independence Park	3945 N Springfield Ave	P3

PARKS + RECREATION

Kilbourn Park	3501 N Kilbourn Ave	P4
McFetridge Sports Center	3843 N California Ave	P5

RETAIL + SPECIALTY SHOPS

Bella Rose Tattoo	3811 N Kedzie Ave	R1
Bonnie Flower Shop	3400 W Irving Park	R2
Cermak Fresh Market	4234 N Kedzie Ave	R3
Forever Timeless Hobby Shop	4438 W Belmont Ave	R4
Green Spaces Plant Shop	3003 W Montrose Ave	R5
Him & Her Vintage	3434 W Irving Park Rd	R6
J.C. Food Market	3404 W Irving Park Rd	R7
Lincoln Antique Mall	3115 Irving Park Rd	R8
Made the Grade Certified Collectibles	3822 N Ridgeway Ave	R9
Old Town Aquarium	4018 W Irving Park Rd	R10
Old Town Tatu	3313 W Irving Park Rd	R11
Red Devil Tattoo	4194 N Elston Ave	R12
Vintage Grind House	4329 N Kedzie Ave	R13